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WOMEN MAKE STRONG APPEAL ON EARLY ACTION ON AVENUE PARKING

Urging upon the Central Improvement Club that even if funds are not immediately available for the improvement of Kalakaua avenue, now is the time to see that some worthy plan for the improvement is begun and arranged for, Mrs. F. J. Lowrey and Mrs. George Sherman made a strong appeal and a good argument for civic responsibility.

That the Outdoor Circle is working on a substantial basis of facts, and with an eye to the needs of the city in the future was shown by the fact that Mrs. Lowrey and Mrs. Sherman did not ask for the improvement now, but for the improvement when the funds are available.

The meeting of the Central Committee was well attended. The new president, B. von Damm, was in the chair and the new secretary, George G. Guild, was also in office. These two officers conduct proceedings in a businesslike way that spells success for the committee this year.

Arguments both for and against the parking of Kalakaua avenue were heard. H. G. Davis and Harry T. Mills spoke against it, representing the Kaimuki club, which sent in resolutions of protest. The protests were based on lack of funds now and work needed more elsewhere, rather than against the plan itself.

E. A. Berndt, C. W. Ashford and Walter Coombs favored the parking and improvement plan.

The special committee named from the club to investigate the question, with Mr. Berndt as chairman, reported heartily in favor of it. It was explained that the committee has had no time to get the figures on cost, and after the report had been received the committee was requested to continue its work and get as nearly as possible a full presentation of figures on the cost of the improvement.

Mrs. Lowrey and Mrs. Sherman told the Central Committee that already private subscriptions have been offered for part of the parking improvement, and there would probably be subscriptions to build the ornamental archway, proposed by Charles Mulford Robinson, the eminent landscape gardener, and endorsed by the special committee. This will also be looked into.

The report of the special committee said in part: "In the interest of civic progress and a more attractive Honolulu we recommend the parking of Kalakaua avenue and the construction of the suggested archway."

"We make a further endorsement of the parking plan on the ground of upkeep and economy of the avenue, for many years neglected and now in a deplorable state from lack of funds for its maintenance as a roadway or boulevard with no prospect of availability or sufficient means to meet the large financial requirement."

"We recommend a center parkway of the width of twelve feet to be planted with mahogany trees and grassed. This tree is clean, of fine color, flowers and grows rapidly."

"Parking and upkeep of same are to be by prison labor, the use of which is not permitted for the present roadway. This makes the financing of the improvement a decided gain rather than an expense to the taxpayer."

"We recommend that your special committee be directed to proceed to secure the parking of Kalakaua avenue, as herein outlined and that it further be directed to take up and carry out the archway project with such assistance as it may be able to secure from private citizens."

The report is signed by E. A. Berndt, chairman, Daniel Logan, Anna C. Cooke, Laura D. Sherman, Cecilia I. Lowrey, Ed Towse and William Walters.

The Kaimuki Improvement Club was said today by Harry T. Mills to be absolutely opposed to improving Kalakaua avenue from public funds. On the other hand, Berndt, Towse and other residents of the section and club members are on record in favor of the improvement.

Albion Clark made a talk at the meeting yesterday showing that while there may be opposition to the carrying out of the project now, it should not be allowed to drop wholly, and this talk paved the way for further speeches in favor of it.

There is prospect that the Kaimuki Club opposition will take the form of a rebuke for its club members who as members of the special committee favored the plan, but they insist they are entitled to their individual opinion.

PRECINCT FOR PALMYRA ISLAND?

With the news that Palmyra Island has been added to the Territory and that it is hereafter to be shown in the maps arises a possibility as to politics. Judge Cooper owns the island and if there are enough people there, can demand that it be made a precinct of one of the districts of either this island or one of the others.

He can also have there only the people who will vote the proper ticket for to all the others he can point out the "private property" sign and thus keep his party intact. "Under the laws of the City and County," stated the Governor this morning, "it is possible to make Palmyra a precinct of the nearest district, which would be Kakaako, I think. Either this or it could be taken in as part of the Kakaako district. The latter course would put the polling booth nearer to the people living on the island and they could come across and vote."

Judge Cooper stated this morning that he would be able to go as a delegate to the next convention, unanimously elected in his district by a vote of one.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

The German ship Alfrida, which brought a cargo of fertilizer to Honolulu and sailed on March 6th arrived at Sydney, N. S. W., last Sunday.

The big American ship John Eua, to load sugar for Delaware breakwater, arrived at Hilo on Saturday. The vessel was dispatched from San Francisco.

Mail from the mainland left San Francisco at 1:30 this afternoon in the Japanese liner Nippon Maru. The vessel should reach here next Tuesday morning.

The Matson Navigation steamer Honolulu, with passengers and a general cargo for Honolulu and island ports, sailed from San Francisco at 12:30 this afternoon.

The Pacific Mail liner Persia, from the Orient, will be dispatched for San Francisco at 5 o'clock this evening, taking a few layover passengers and a United States mail. The Persia will sail from the Alakea wharf.

The Matson Navigation steamer Lurline sailed for San Francisco at 6 o'clock last night, taking a full shipment of sugar with consignments of pineapples, bananas and sundries. The vessel departed with a goodly number of cabin and steerage passengers.

It is probable that G. J. Waller, although defeated for reelection as national committeeman in Monday's convention, will be chairman of the Hawaiian delegation to the Baltimore convention. Mr. Waller has the arrangements for the trip on hand, and will announce the date of departure in a few days.

Next Sunday all the Oahu companies, National Guard of Hawaii, will turn out for competitive drill at Kapiolani Park, under Captain Walter H. Johnson, U. S. A., inspector-instructor. The evolutions will last all day, and the merits of the different companies passed on for the award of prizes.

In the Police Court this morning "blind Pigger" Kewalo, who was pulled in last night at Kakaako by Liquor Inspector W. P. Pennell, was sentenced to pay a fine of one hundred dollars and costs of court. He pleaded guilty to the charge when asked by Judge Monsarrat and was immediately fined.

BEACHWALK LOTS BEING SNAPPED UP

The Waterhouse Trust Company reports the following sales of the choice Beachwalk property that has just been opened to the public for purchase:

Mrs. Fannie Osborne Frazier, lot 38, facing Lewers road. She states she will build on the lot immediately.

Mrs. Ella Rodman Ayers is another purchaser. She will build in the near future.

A. Cartaya of Lewers & Cooke has also purchased a lot at Beachwalk.

The proposal to exempt American coastwise ships from tolls in the Panama Canal was disapproved in a report of a committee of the Providence board of trade.

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